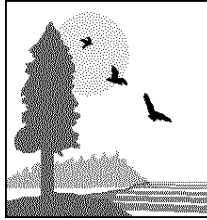


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Dear Shipping Agent:

On June 21, 2013, the California State Lands Commission (Commission) approved a report to the California Legislature recommending a delay in the implementation of California's interim performance standards for the discharge of ballast water. This recommendation was based on the lack of available treatment technologies to comply with all of California's standards. In response to the recommendations in the report, the Legislature passed Senate Bill (SB) 814, which was signed by California Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. on October 1, 2013, and will become effective on January 1, 2014. Among its provisions, SB 814 amends Public Resources Code section 71205.3 and delays implementation of the interim performance standards for two years.

The following table represents the revised implementation schedule, per SB 814:

Ballast water capacity of vessel	Standards apply to new vessels in this size class constructed on or after:	Standards apply to all other vessels in this size class beginning on:
<1500 metric tons	January 1, 2016	January 1, 2018
1500-5000 metric tons	January 1, 2016	January 1, 2016
>5000 metric tons	January 1, 2016	January 1, 2018

Please note that this delay does not apply to the implementation of the final discharge standard of zero detectable living organisms for all organism size classes by January 1, 2020 (PRC section 71205.3(a)(3)).

Commission staff will conduct another review of available ballast water treatment technologies to comply with California's performance standards by July 1, 2014. In the meantime, staff will continue to work with the regulated industry and interested stakeholders to evaluate options for compliance with the interim standards once the interim standards are implemented.

Please feel free to contact me at the telephone number listed above or by email at [Chris.Scianni@slc.ca.gov](mailto:Chris.Scianni@slc.ca.gov) if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'CS', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

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